Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: On the 9th of Makaram I came to Trivandrum in connection with an Advisory Committee meeting. On the same day I sent a cover addressed to the Secretary containing interpellation to be asked in this session. The Secretary informed me that he received the cover only on the 13th. It means that it took five days to reach the Secretary. This matter was represented to the President of this House. There it was stated that my questions may be treated as at least short notice questions. Enquiry was made about this. Yesterday I showed a cover.....

President: Order, order. Even before the honourable member raised this matter the question was brought to my notice by the Secretary. I have directed to conduct an enquiry as to the delay in anchal offices.

With regard to the short notice question the rule adopted is that they are admitted only in regard to such matters as have arisen during the period when the House is meeting. The questions were looked into and it was found that they related to no such matters. They will be answered fairly early during the next session.

Non-official Legislative Business.

THE TRAVANCORE DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY BILL.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar (*Nominated*): Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore Disposition of Property Bill be referred to a joint committee consisting of the following members:

1. Mr. V. N. Padmanabha Pillai,
2. Mr. N. Narayana Kurup,
3. Mr. Shahool Hameed,
4. Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai,
5. Mr. G. Madhavan,
6. Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker, and
7. Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar.

Mr. G. Madhavan (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha cum Shertallai*): I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

THE KAMMALA (VISWAKARMA) BILL.

Mr. M. Govindan (*Nominated*): I beg to move that the Kammala (Viswakarma) Bill be taken into consideration.

President: I was told this morning that my good friend Mr. Velu Achary will not be present.

Mr. M. Govindan: There is not even a single amendment.....

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President : Order, order. The honourable House knows very well the strong feeling aroused by this Bill for some reason or other in the mind of Mr. Velu Achary and evidently of some others also. I am not able to follow the workings of his mind and I am also fully aware that he has not sent up any amendment. The whole trouble seems to be with the title of the Bill—whether "Viswakarma (Kammala) Bill" or "Kammala (Viswakarma) Bill." But if the honourable member would prefer in his absence to go on with it and if the House also takes that point of view, they might go on. I have no jurisdiction in this matter and it is entirely left to the honourable House.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panikkar : മി. വേലുആചാരിയുടെ അബ്സൻസിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ സമുദായത്തെ അതിപ്രധാനമായി സ്പർശിക്കുന്ന ഈബിൽ മാറ്റിവയ്ക്കയാണ് ചെയ്യേണ്ടതെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം. കൂടാതെ ഇതിന്റെ ഒരുവശം മി. വേലുആചാരിയാണ് റപ്രസന്റ് ചെയ്യുന്നത്. ഇത് ലജിസ്ലേഷനാണ്. ഒരാൾ സുഖക്കേടായി കിടക്കയാണെന്ന കാരണത്താൽ ഒരു അവധിക്ക് അപേക്ഷകൊണ്ടുവന്നാൽ കോടതിയെപ്പോലെ നാമും അതു അനുവദിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ട് അദ്ദേഹംകൂടെ വന്നിട്ട് ഈ ബില്ലിനെപ്പറ്റി പര്യാലോചിച്ചാൽ മതിയെന്നാണ് എനിക്ക പറയാനുള്ളത്.

President : As I said, it is a matter entirely for this House to decide.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know from the honourable member whether Mr. Velu Achary has sent up any amendment to any clause ?

President : He has not.

Mr. M. Govindan : This is a very old matter. In 1102 the idea was started. After all, owing to the obstructive tactics of one gentleman alone the Bill was delayed so long. The whole matter was looked into carefully and it was referred to the Select Committee twice. The whole thing has been considered by the President and the rule contained in order 34 has been suspended and the Bill was urgently taken up for consideration. Owing to the fact that there is not a single amendment as pointed out by my honourable friend, for the sake of one doughty champion.....

President : Honourable member need not argue. It is a matter entirely for the discretion of the House.

Mr. M. Govindan : I am of the view that the Bill may be proceeded with.

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Mr. G. Nilakantan (*Co-opted*): The subject of having a regulation for a community has been in the minds of the people for the last 19 years. In the Sri Mulam Assembly requests were made to the Government several times to enact a law, but the Dewan-President said that if a member of the community would submit a draft rule, the Government would consider it.

President: I do not think it is necessary, having regard to the number of times that the title, the preamble and all the sections have been discussed almost threadbare, to go into the question again. Here is a Bill coming up for second reading and there are no amendments and the honourable member may therefore confine his remarks to a general survey.

Mr. G. Nilakantan: This Bill was under consideration in the Second Council for 2 years and was under consideration in this Third Council for one and a half years. During all these years, not a single amendment has been brought forward. In the circumstances, and in justice to all parties concerned, I would request the honourable House to take up the consideration of the Bill instead of again postponing it indefinitely.

The motion was put and carried.

The question that clauses 1 to 40 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 40 were added to the Bill.

Mr. M. Govindan: I move that this Act may be called the Travancore Kammala (Viswakarma) Act of 1121.

Mr. G. Madhavan: I second it.

The question that the title and preamble do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

The title and preamble were added to the Bill.

Mr. M. Govindan: I move that the Bill be passed.

Mr. G. Madhavan: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE PARTITION BILL.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: I beg to move for leave to introduce the Travancore Partition Bill for the kind consideration of this House.

The suits for partition—movable and immovable—also include in certain cases the question of house sites also. Under the existing Civil Procedure Code, the Courts have no power to prevent the decay.....

President: This follows the British Indian enactments.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: I request the House to consider the Bill.

Mr. M. Govindan: I second it.

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